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SUBJECT: WORKING LEVEL LOS CONSULTATIONS WITH GOC,
DECEMBER 20-21

1. WORKING LEVEL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN A U.S. TEAM (KATZ OF D/LOS, MEYER OF EB, CORRICK OF BUMINES, NEE OF EMBASSY OTTAWA) AND A GOC GROUP (JACKSON OF EM&R, PASHO OF EM&R, GAUVIN OF EM&R, GUILLEMET OF FINANCE, AND HERMAN OF EXTAF) TODK PLACE DECEMBER 20-21. THE CONSULTATIONS WERE CANDID AND CONSTRUCTIVE, WITH A NOTABLE ABSENCE OF RHETORIC. SEVERAL DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION OF THE ICNT PRODUCTION FORMULA WERE IDENTIFIED, AND ASSUMPTIONS LYING BEHIND RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON SEVERAL SEABEDS ISSUES WERE EXPLORED IN DEPTH.

2. THE CANADIANS MADE THE POINT SEVERAL TIMES THAT THEIR SUPPORT FOR A PRODUCTION LIMITATION WAS INTENDED ONLY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST COMPETITION FROM SUBSIDIZED SEABED MINING. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UN-
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SUBSIDIZED SEABED MINING POSED NO THREAT TO CANADIAN LAND-BASED PRODUCTION FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE (I.E. WELL BEYOND THE YEAR 2000). THE CANADIAN DEFINITION OF "SUBSIDIZATION" IS VERY BROAD, INCLUDING NOT ONLY DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUBVENTIONS BUT NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND SAFEGUARD ACTIONS AS WELL.

3. THE MOST POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WAS THAT THE CANADIANS INTERPRET THE ICNT TO ALLOW MORE MINESITES FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FEWER FOR THE ENTERPRISE THAN THE U.S. INTERPRETATION WOULD ALLOW. THE CANADIANS IN GENERAL HAVE A VIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE ENTERPRISE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE U.S. REGARDING THE PRODUCTION LIMITATION FORMULA OF THE ICNT, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AS TO ITS MECHANICS. IT WAS AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP COMMON DEFINITIONS, BASIC STATISTICS, AND COMPUTATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS, SO THAT SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS ON THE FORMULA ITSELF CAN PROCEED ON A UNIFORM BASIS. THERE WAS ALSO PRELIMINARY CONSENSUS THAT A PRODUCTION LIMITATION WITHOUT A TERMINATION DATE WAS UNDESIRABLE.

4. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS SUCH AS THE PRODUCTION CONTROL FORMULA, THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF OPERATING THE REGIME, AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE CANADIANS MADE CLEAR THAT THEY DO NOT REGARD SETTLEMENT OF THE PRODUCTION CONTROL ISSUE AS A PRECONDITION TO INTENSIFIED U.S.-CANADIAN CONTACTS ON OTHER ISSUES. NO DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE CANADIANS EXPECT THAT THE U.S. WILL BE MAKING PROPOSALS FOR MEETINGS IN THE FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE. ENDERS
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